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## CATTLE ON FEED

### COLORADO

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 1.04 million head as of September 1, 2020. The latest inventory was 2 percent above last month and 12 percent above the September 1, 2019 inventory. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 155,000 head of fed cattle during August 2020. This was 3 percent below last month's marketings and 24 percent below the marketings one year earlier. An estimated 180,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during August 2020, 9 percent above the previous month's placements and 6 percent above August 2019 placements. Of the number placed in August, 14 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 17 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 19 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, 28 percent weighed from 800-899 pounds, and 22 percent weighed 900 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for August, at 5,000 head, the same as last month and last year.

### UNITED STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 11.4 million head on September 1, 2020. The inventory was 4 percent above September 1, 2019. This is the highest September 1 inventory since the series began in 1996. Placements in feedlots during August totaled 2.06 million head, 9 percent above 2019. Net placements were 2.00 million head. During August, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 405,000 head, 600-699 pounds were 335,000 head, 700-799 pounds were 470,000 head, 800-899 pounds were 522,000 head, 900-999 pounds were 230,000 head, and 1,000 pounds and greater were 95,000 head. Marketings of fed cattle during August totaled 1.89 million head, 3 percent below 2019. Other disappearance totaled 55,000 head during August, 10 percent below 2019.

For a full copy of the September 2020 *Cattle on Feed* report please visit [www.nass.usda.gov](http://www.nass.usda.gov).